

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, first paragraph, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/063,972 (Attorney Docket No. D/A2002Q), entitled FLEXIBLE IMAGING MEMBER SEAM TREATMENT APPARATUS, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/063,973 (Attorney Docket No. D/A22002Q), entitled FLEXIBLE IMAGING MEMBER SEAM TREATMENT ARTICLE AND PREPARATION METHOD THEREOF, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/063,974 (Attorney Docket No. D/A2002Q), entitled FLEXIBLE IMAGING MEMBER SEAM TREATMENT APPARATUS, all filed on 29 May 2002 herewith, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. In addition, this application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/428,932, filed on 28 October 1999 in the names of Yu et al. and entitled SEAM STRESS RELEASE AND PROTRUSIONS ELIMINATION PROCESS, (Attorney Docket No. D/96182Q3), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.